GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ELEPHANT FESTIVAL
Gandhi Smt. Maneka

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an elephant festival, which also involved mock elephant fights and other elephant games, was allowed to take place in Kaziranga sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for permitting this illegal event; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) As informed by the State Government, no such show involving elephants performing unnatural acts was arranged during the centenary celebration of the Kaziranga National Park.

(b), (c) & (d) Does not arise.